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SUBJECT: GOB PUBLISHES TEXT OF MCCLOY COMMISSION REPORT
CONCERNING GULF OIL ACTIVITIES IN BOLIVIA

REF: STATE 3608#

1. PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY JAVIER ARCE EVENING OF JANUARY 14 GAVE LOCAL PRESS COPIES IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH TRANSLATION PARTS OF MCCLOY COMMISSION REPORT CONCERNING GULF ACTIVITIES IN BOLIVIA, ALONG WITH A GOB PRESS RELEASE. PRESS RELEASE STATES THAT SINCE THE STATEMENTS OF GULF OFFICIALS QUOTED IN MCCLOY REPORT ARE CONTRADICTORY, THE GOB, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM CLARIFICATION OF THE FACTS INVOLVED, "WILL CONTINUE WITH ALL ITS ENERGY AND SPEED THE CURRENT JUDICIAL ACTION AGAINST GULF, REITERATING ONCE AGAIN TO THE USG BY MEANS THAT IT DEMANDS A PROMPT AND DETAILED CLARIFICATION OF THIS UNPLEASANT AFFAIR." THE RELEASE CLASS ON THE CITIZENRY TO MAINTAIN A PATRIOTIC CALM REGARDING THE MC CLOY REPORT IN LIGHT OF GOB'S INTENTION TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CLARIFY THE FACTS AND KEEP THE PEOPLE INFORMED. PRESS RELEASE ALSO PUBLISHES QUESTIONS CONTAINED

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IN LETTERS ROGATORY SENT BY LA PAZ DISTRICT COURT TO WESTERN

DISTRICT COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR INTERROGATION OF GULF
PRESIDENT D. R. DORSEY, WHICH PRESUMABLY IS THE JUDICIAL
ACTION REFERRED TO IN PRESS RELEASE.

2. LA PAZ PRESS FRONT PAGES STORY JANUARY 15 BASED ON TEXTS
PROVIDED BY ARCE'S OFFICE. WE EXPECT SOME EDITORIAL COMMENT
LATER IN WEEK, BUT BASICALLY, BY SAYING IN EFFECT THAT IT
INTENDS TO CONTINUE DOING WHAT IT IS ALREADY DOING, NAMELY
PURSUING THE MATTER THROUGH THE U.S. COURTS, THE GOB IS
GIVING THE STORY RELATIVELY LOW-KEY TREATMENT WHILE MAINTAIN-
ING ITS IMPLICITLY-STATED INTENTION TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF
THE MATTER. THE GOB MAY BE TREADING SOFTLY IN VIEW OF THE
IMPLICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE MC CLOY REPORT THAT MORE OF LU
THE BLAME LIES WITH BARRIENTOS OFFICIALS THAN WITH GULF OIL.
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